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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Reports of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA)
related to NIS Program Requirements

1. A meeting was held in my office this date attended by:

N. A. Pelcovits, Chief, External Research Staff, OIR,

Department of State

Liaison Division, OCR

Chief, D/E/OBI

AD/BI

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2. The meeting was called to explore with the External Research Staff the problem of determining those activities of ICA which would result in reports of assistance in fulfilling the requirements of the NIS Program. A preliminary meeting was held with Messrs. [REDACTED], Liaison Division, OCR, on 29 February 1956 to determine what information on these matters was issued by ICA through the normal intelligence channels. At that meeting it was indicated that the several periodic reports of ICA bearing on this question were not of sufficient guidance to the intelligence community, and especially NIS contributors, to be helpful in acquiring early information on these matters. Since the Office of External Research issues quarterly reports on the status of all external research, including ICA activities, it was deemed advisable to bring in the chief of that staff for further examination of the problem.

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3. Mr. Pelcovits indicated that, while the External Research Staff was not fully satisfied with the type of information they were getting from ICA, he felt that in general terms they were covering most of the foreign area activities of ICA which resulted in tangible reports of use to NIS contributors. Examination was made of a number of the items contained in the "Foreign Area and Psychological Warfare Research" reports produced by the External Research Staff, and there appeared to be sufficient information therein to satisfy the broad problem from an NIS point of view.

*orig filed: NIS Prog. Doc 201
copy - "ICA and Foreign Area & Psywar Research"
in VA file: (files filed also contains subsequent
dissemination records)*

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4. It was agreed that steps would be taken by OBI to obtain the exact number of copies required of this publication, "Foreign Area and Psychological Warfare Research," for each NIS contributor, and AD/BI would undertake to consolidate these requirements and transmit them to Mr. Pelcovits as a continuing requirement for these reports. It was felt in this manner we might overcome the questionable procedures now undertaken for normal intelligence distribution in order to assure the proper delivery to the components of the NIS framework in a timely fashion.

5. Mr. Pelcovits undertook to supply twelve copies of all previous annual reports (showing completed ICA projects) and twelve copies of the last quarterly report (the latest issue of research in progress) of "Foreign Area and Psychological Warfare Research." OBI will make direct dissemination of these to NIS Committee members for further use by their producing components.

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6. [REDACTED] will further backstop this operation by examining ICA cables from the field and notify us of any additional information not appearing in the External Research Staff quarterly reports.

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